

13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

We now find ourselves looking forward to the final 5 days of the autumn term, after what has been a very eventful and event filled week 6!

In our usual fashion, to facilitate **home learning conversations** and parental engagement with their child(ren)'s learning, please find below the Golden Expectation, Word of the Week and our debate topic of the week:

Golden Expectation: **Stay safe and care for people and property**

Word of the Week: **Distinctive**

Debate of the Week: **Children under the age of 16 should not be allowed on social media**

To echo previous sentiments, we hope this will help to facilitate family home learning discussions and perhaps give a focus to library visits, tv programme selection or YouTube viewing etc.

This week I'd like to take the time to highlight and celebrate some of our unsung heroes here at Daubeney, especially at this time of year.

I'd like to start by commending our catering team who go above and beyond at this time of year to ensure we all have a great Christmas dinner and a wonderful experience, both staff and pupils.

So, let's celebrate **Sarah Buckman, Antonio Milton, Shazia Araf, Aleks Krause, Asma Dita, Catia Lopes and Neslihan Akdag**. We express our gratitude for what you do during the festive period, but I'd also like to thank you for what you do for the Daubeney village every single day of the academic year – thank you all very much!



I'd also like to thank our admin team who take a plethora of calls and enquiries at this time of year as parents request information, regarding all things Christmas in addition to the usual day to day business of schools.

So let's celebrate the wonderful admin team who are: **Debi Groves, Shahina Khanam, Jen Coyston and Fatima Begum**.



Finally, I must also thank our site team for ensuring that we are all snug in a warm building and for going the extra mile at this time of year in regard to request for support with putting up backdrops, putting up chairs, supporting with shopping when purchasing items for our hamper give-aways, and much much more. Thank you, Dave Coyston and Ray Morris.

We now look forward to the final week of term when we focus on our Christmas activities which includes:

- Our **Winter Auction** (which is now live!) can be accessed here - <https://www.32auctions.com/daubeney>.
- **Year 2&3 Christmas Carol Performance** 17.12.24
- **Year 4&5 Christmas Carol Performance** 17.12.24
- **International Dress Up Day** – 20.12.24
- **School closes at 1:30pm for Christmas** – 20.12.24

As a general reminder, for those who like to be ahead of the curve, you can visit our website calendar to check for events happening during the **festive period and beyond!**

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/about-us/calendar>

Lastly, I'd like to echo my previous request seeking more **parent volunteers** to help in the cafe which could lead to formal barista training and qualifications. If this appealing to you, please let us know by emailing [admin@daubeney.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@daubeney.hackney.sch.uk)

Do enjoy a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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Head of School

Robin Warren  
Executive Head Teacher





## Christmas at Daubeney Dates for your Diary

- **Year 1** Nativity: 10<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.15pm
- **Nursery** Christmas performance: December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am
- **Year 6** Christmas Carol Performance: 11<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.15pm
- **Reception** Nativity: 12<sup>th</sup> December @ 10:30am & 2pm
- **Christmas lunch & Christmas Jumper Day:** December 13<sup>th</sup>
- **Winter Fair:** December 13<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm to 6pm
- **Years 2&3** Christmas Carol Performance: 17<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.15pm
- **Years 4&5** Christmas Carol Performance: 18<sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm
- **International Dress up Day:** 20<sup>th</sup> December

Season's Greetings to you all



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